



MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 14, 1910.

PRESIDENT TAFT, in addressing the Republican Club of New York, Saturday night, said business conditions must conform to the law, and that the Sherman anti-trust law should not be changed, except to strengthen it. "If the enforcement of the law is not complete with the present method of carrying on business, then it does not speak well for the present methods of conducting business, and they must be changed to conform to the law." This was an answer to Wall street and its cry of "faint." He insisted that the anti-trust law would not be weakened, and would be enforced despite the outcry of big business interest. But the trouble with Mr. Taft is that he is too vacillating and is too slow in enforcing the laws. Why, within the past ten days when a panic was threatened among New York stock brokers he hastened to issue a statement to allay the fears of Wall street, regardless of the rest of the country.

A CHICAGO man has a grievance against his wife and has brought suit for divorce. He says it was bad enough to be kicked on the shins while he was doing the dishes, but when his wife came right into the room where he was taking a bath and slipped him hard eight times in the middle of the back, before he could get the soap out of his eyes, he made up his mind he would stand it no longer. The man says his wife got after him at moments when he couldn't defend himself. Once when he was dressing and had his arms tangled up in his suspenders she sailed into him. "She just took me by the ears and twisted them and shook me all over the room by them until they were sore," he declared. "Then she let go a bunch that dazed me." Judging from recent events the Virginia Senate would give him a divorce before the courts could say "Jack Robinson."

SPEAKER CANNON in his Lincoln Day speech in Piquette Saturday evening said: "Pennsylvania has the very best congressional delegation that entered the halls of the Capitol in thirty-five years. A more intelligent, energetic, capable, high-minded and patriotic body of men cannot be found." Speaker Cannon said that because not one of the delegation has had the courage to oppose him. Mr. Cannon also said "it did him good to get into that state, where folks don't think so much of high ideals." Such things are all right said Mr. Cannon, but, after all, food, clothing and comfort count for more. This reminds us of the notable speech made in Virginia during rearguard times when the candidate for office said "honor would not buy a breakfast."

A PETITION, containing 400 signatures has been sent to Richmond protesting against the bill introduced in the legislature by Mr. R. C. L. Moore, of Stafford county, allowing fishermen to catch bass in reefs and nets at any season of the year. In other instances the object of the legislature is to protect their game and fish, but in Virginia some of her legislators seem to think that after them the deluge.

In his New York speech Saturday night President Taft defended the new tariff law as a substantial revision downward and the high cost of living, he maintained, is not due to the tariff. Mr. Taft has disappointed more people than has any other man who ever occupied the White House.

"MARYLAND," says the Baltimore American, "has a legislature it would like to sell cheap." Virginia has one which it would be well to give away.

From Washington.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, Washington, February 14.

President Taft today officially endorsed Senator Albert J. Beveridge the Indiana near-insurgent, when he sent to the Senate for confirmation the nominations of fifteen postmasters in Indiana, recommended by Mr. Beveridge. The Indiana situation has been a thorn in the side of the administration for some months. The White House has been besieged by members of the Fairbanks-Hemmenway-Watson faction of the Hoosier state party, and adherents of the Beveridge standard. A flood of rumors has been in evidence that the president would punish Beveridge for his vote against the Payne Aldrich tariff bill, and for this tendency to intrigue. But all is set at naught by the presidential endorsement of the Beveridge postmaster.

Jacob Slusky, capitalist-philanthropist, of St. Louis, will erect a \$2,000,000 bakery and put bread on sale in that city at 3 cents a loaf. At that price, he says, there will be a profit of 14 cents on each loaf. "This fact, and the fortunes which have been built up in the bakery business in St. Louis, show that the bakers have been robbing the people," said Mr. Slusky. "I have known for a long time that the bakers of St. Louis were in a trust to make prices high and loaves small. We are going to bust the trust."

Today's Telegraphic News

Willard's Successor.
[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]
Richmond, Feb. 14.—Governor Mann today appointed J. Richard Winfield, of Albemarle, to succeed J. E. Willard, resigned, as a member of the Corporation Commission.

The Yoder Libel Case.
[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]
Richmond, Feb. 14.—Carver Glass publisher of the Lynchburg News, today appeared on the witness stand in the Yoder criminal libel suit and produced a number of letters to prove Yoder gave false testimony Saturday, when he touched on the publication of his pamphlet in Lynchburg four years ago. The belief is that Yoder's sentence of 15 days in jail by the lower court will be sustained.

Fairbanks and the Pope.
Washington, Feb. 14.—I do not say a word against the Methodist Church, but within the last year three pastors of Protestant churches forgot their duties in a scandalous manner and if I am not mistaken, one of them is still in the penitentiary. Rev. Father Hannon.

"Roosevelt would not have made the blunder that Fairbanks did. He knew and knew quick to discern between what is upright in purpose and what is dishonorable in method."—Rev. Father Doyle.

"I have gone behind no walls to discover hidden things. I have repeated no stories of drunken bishops or licentious priests. I know the trail of the Jesuit, the scandal of the Philippines and the dread of millions of Americans on account of what they see about them. I commend for your reading a little book written by a lady very well-known in Washington as a generous giver to Roman institutions. 'It is the 'Dilemma of the Pope'—Bishop Oranston, of the Methodist Church."

This is the latest ammunition that the religious opponents have hurled at each other following the Fairbanks incident in Rome in which the ex-vice president was denied an audience with the pope because he had spoken first before a Methodist congregation. In many of the Washington churches yesterday the subject was referred to with more or less acrimony on either side. Fairbanks has almost been forgotten in the religious and the reverend combatants are now engaged in digging up all the complimentary facts or near facts that they can find that can be made to reflect on the other side of the controversy.

Baltimore, Feb. 14.—Cardinal Gibbons said today that agitation of the incident which occurred in Rome between the Vatican and former Vice President Fairbanks by Bishop Earl Crichton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in a sermon preached by the latter in Washington, Sunday, was "all nonsense."

The Tug Nina.
Washington, Feb. 14.—The naval and revenue service vessels which have been securing the coast for trace of the missing naval tug Nina reported to the Navy Department today their failure to find any trace of it, and the only news that has been picked up concerning it is bad news. The revenue cutter Graham, which joined the search in the vicinity of Boston, came up with the tug Savage which left Norfolk at the same time on Sunday morning as the Nina. The commander of the Savage reports that the sea was running so high that he put back after passing out through the oyster. The Nina, however, kept on with the sea breaking over her bow. It is still thought possible that the Nina may have been blown out of her course and might be picked up later, but the hope is a faint one.

The Grehan continued her search today to the northward and eastward of Cape Cod. The Oastler, also out of Boston, reports having reached the northern part of New York Sound without finding any trace of the tug. She anchored off Edgartown last night and continued search today. The battleship Louisiana reports the continued search on her cruising ground covering a zone five miles wide by night and twenty miles wide by day, without results.

No Americans on Ill-fated Steamer.
Paris, Feb. 14.—Alphonse Gaulin, the United States consul at Marseilles, wired the United Press bureau today that as far as he had been able to determine "there were no Americans aboard the General Charney," the French transatlantic steamer that sank Thursday night off the coast of Minorca, with the loss of 155 lives.

Gullin says he has requested the company to make a thorough investigation to see whether there are any Americans aboard. Three American Louisville performers, Elsie Henry and an acrobatic team, Green and Green, and Derenda, were reported among the drowned.

Revolution in India.
Allahabad, India, Feb. 14.—A large part of the population of the B. star section, in central India, is in revolt, looting bazars, burning police posts and houses and threatening the lives of the English residents, according to messages from there today.

The local authorities immediately sent a large force of native soldiers to the scene. The uprising is said to be general. But it is one of the feudatory states of the central provinces. It has a population of about half a million, the majority of whom are wild hill men.

The Legislature.

SENATE

Carrying out the ideas of the League of Virginia municipalities as to methods of city government, joint resolutions were introduced in both houses of the legislature on Saturday for amendments to the constitution. No mention is made of providing a commission form of government. An amendment is proposed to section 117 of the state constitution, empowering the general assembly to pass only general laws for the government of cities and towns, and forbidding special legislation along this line. A clause is added empowering the general assembly to provide from time to time such forms of government for cities as may seem needed. Changes in forms of government are to be made if demanded by a majority vote. Such changes, however, are not to be radical. The present requirements as to clerks, attorneys for the commonwealth, commissioners of the revenue, treasurers and sergeants are to be retained.

Senator Folkes introduced a bill regarding different classes of property for taxation. His ultimate aim is to have the state derive no revenue from real estate.

A favorable report was made in the Senate on the Harman bill, levying a tax of \$5 per mile on express companies, with an additional tax of \$1,000 on those companies engaged in the transportation of liquor.

A favorable report was also received on the Byrd House bill providing certain fees for the State Corporation Commission.

The following bills received the final assent of the Senate: Amending the present law as to state depositories, including banks not hitherto in the act; permitting ex-army and navy surgeons to practice in the state without taking the examinations for surgeons; amending and continuing in force the act to provide a retirement fund for public school teachers.

Bills were introduced: To amend section 3067 of the code relating to court terms; regulating the issuing of licenses to citizens of this state for the purpose of procuring policies in unlicensed foreign companies, imposing a tax upon the gross receipts from such policies, and making it a misdemeanor for any person to adjust a loss on a contract issued by an unauthorized company in violation of this act; to release to the counties and cities of the state the state taxes on lands and lots, and to prescribe what shall be done with said taxes by the several counties and cities; to amend section 177 of Article VIII, of the constitution and providing for publishing said amendment and certifying the same to the next session of the general assembly; to amend an act to legalize the adoption of minor children by adult persons; to provide for a revision of the statutes of the commonwealth; to amend section 3057 of the code relating to court terms; to provide what time and by whom the writ shall be paid in and of whom removal or appeal from a justice, and to authorize and empowering judges of courts of record in certain cases to perform any act in vacation which they have the power to perform in term time; to authorize the judge of any court, justice or justice of the peace to continue the case and admit to bail any person brought before him charged with being an habitual drunkard, with failing to support his wife or children; to require employers of females in stores, shops, offices, or manufacturing establishments, operatives or helpers in any business, trade or occupation to provide safe for female employees; a joint resolution proposing amendment to section 177 of Article VIII, of the constitution and providing for publishing said amendment and certifying the same to the next general assembly; providing that commission merchants shall report to the consignee of any goods, produce or other property within a reasonable time after the sale thereof, the name and address of the party or parties purchasing the same and the price at which the same was sold; to regulate the floating of logs, timber or other commodity in the streams of Virginia above tide water; to prohibit the granting of charters to banks having a minimum capital stock of less than \$10,000, and providing how the same shall be paid and how branches thereof may be authorized; to punish derogatory statements affecting banks; to amend section 1609 of the code in reference to the proceedings before a commission to ascertain insanity.

Political Situation in England.
London, Feb. 14.—All fear of a parliamentary deadlock on the passage of the budget in the parliamentary session that begins tomorrow was removed today by an official assurance from Arthur J. Balfour, one of the foremost figures in the conservative party, to Premier Asquith that the conservatives will help the liberals to pass the Lloyd-George budget.

Balfour declares that the conservatives are as much opposed to the budget as ever, but they are unwilling to assume responsibility for continuing the tie-up of the national finances, which were thrown into chaos when the budget was rejected last fall.

The conservatives admit, also, that another immediate general election which will be necessary were the budget rejected again, would precipitate a panic, which the conservatives desire to avoid, according to Balfour.

The conservatives' agreement to support the budget makes it practically certain that the budget will be the first thing taken up when parliament reconvenes.

Despite the fact that parliament meets tomorrow, the personnel of the new cabinet is still unannounced, the delay being unprecedented.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Feb. 14.—Disappointment over the speech of President Taft, made on Saturday night, caused heavy selling at the opening of the stock market, and nearly everything traded in sustained losses ranging from one to over three points.

As soon as the rush to sell was over, however, there was a brisk recovery and at the end of the first fifteen minutes the list was showing signs of strength.

11 a. m.—The selling wave exhausted itself quickly and in the last half of the first hour prices held steady after a partial recovery of losses.

Noon.—A strong tone developed in the last half of the forenoon, declines being almost completely recovered. At the same time the market became dull with the volume of business falling to extremely small figures.

Massacre Feared.

Constantinople, Feb. 14.—A massacre of Armenians in Asiatic Turkey by the Moslems is considered so imminent that the Porte today ordered troops to be rushed to Makh Blidis, Diarbek and Blackjik.

For the first week the walls of these cities have been placarded every night with summonses to the Moslems to perpetrate a general massacre of the Armenians.

The government fears that unless immediate steps are taken, a repetition of the Adana massacre of last year will again call for interference on the part of interested powers.

Petition Denied.

London, Feb. 14.—The petition of Ernest Henry Shackleton-West for the title and estate of the late Lord Lionel Sackville-West, on the ground that he was the son of the latter, was today denied by Sir John Bigham, Judge of the Probate Court, in which the case was heard. Today's action finally disposes of the case and marks the close of one of the most sensational peerage contests in English history.

DRY GOODS.

Woodward and Lothrop.

New York—Washington—Paris

Announce for today, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 14th, 15th and 16th, their Spring Exhibition of New and Correct Imported and Domestic

Infants' Apparel

Including in detail:

Long and Short Gowns, Hats, Bonnets, and Caps, Long and Short Dresses, Quilting Robes, Hand-embroidered Pillow Cases, Hand Embroidered and Hand-knit Socks and B. Cases. And a variety of very Dainty and Magnificent Miscellaneous Articles and Accessories. Many are Exclusive.

Also an unusually fine and complete array of

Women's French Linen, Bridal Trousseaux, Negligees, Dressing Sacques, Matinee, Silk Petticoats, Combination Suits, Pinnace Slips, and High-class Imported and Domestic Corsets.

This display surpasses in every way our best previous ones—never have we had such rich, artistic, and handsome effects, and in such a variety of pretty designs and styles.

An Opening Special

Women's Tailor-made Silk Petticoats—the best of a very good quality, and they are made in the newest styles—"Co-ed." White, pink, light blue, &c., and new spring shades included.

\$3.80 Each. Value, \$5.00.

Third floor—11th and F sts.

News of the Day.

Secretary Knox has prepared a tariff bill extending the minimum rates to Japan.

More than 100 soldiers were killed in a collision between foreign drilled Chinese soldiers and police in Canton yesterday.

The Archbishop of Paris, by direction of the pope, granted a dispensation to flood sufferers relieving them from fasting during Lent.

Formal announcement was made in New York on Saturday of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Robson, the actress, to August Belmont.

The American Tobacco Company was made the defendant in a suit filed in the United States Court in Baltimore on Saturday for \$20,000,000 by John U. Barry, of New York.

His congregation applauded Bishop Earl Crichton, who in Washington yesterday defended the Methodists in a sermon on the Fairbanks incident in Rome.

Believing the removal of James Diggs, a 14-year old negro from the Annapolis jail, Baltimore was a lynching, negroes last night beat up the jail watchman and for a time the boy was free.

Spring hats are bigger than ever. Fashion milliners are showing some attractive models, one of Italian straw, like the old-fashioned leghorn, but lighter in weight while another is of the new Louis XVI, shape, faced with lace and having a magnificent ruby-colored feather placed directly at the back.

His body mangled almost beyond recognition, Mr. William Butler, 61 years old, president of the Butler Box Company, was found lying dead between the tracks of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railroad at Biddle street station, Baltimore, shortly after six o'clock yesterday morning.

After 18 hours' deliberation the jury sitting in the case of former Stock Broker William F. Dowse, in Baltimore, on Saturday announced to the court that they were unable to agree on a verdict, and were discharged. This was the third trial of Dowse within the past year, to an endeavor to secure a conviction on the state's attorney will again place the former city employee on trial on one of the remaining 33 indictments as soon as possible.

The Campagna, from Liverpool, docked yesterday at New York. Among her passengers were Lord Fairfax, known to his friends as Albert Kirby Fairfax. He is the twelfth Baron of Cameron in the peerage of Scotland. He smilingly declared that he was still a "good American." He is accompanied by the Hon. J. H. Parker and the Hon. Montague Parker, sons of the Earl of Morley, who will go shooting with him in Virginia.

Demonstrations by the socialists throughout Germany, after mass meetings held yesterday to protest against the suffrage bill, resulted in serious disturbances at many places. In Berlin several policemen were severely wounded by stones thrown by rioters, and scores of socialists supporters received serious injuries from the shots of the police. Reports from places outside of Berlin give a number of casualties. The worst affair occurred at Neumunster, in Schleswig, where a workman was mortally wounded by a bullet that struck through the lungs; another's hand was cut off, while a third lost an ear.

MR. TAFT'S SPEECH.

In his speech in New York on Saturday evening before the Republican Club of that city President Taft said: "From time to time attacks are made upon the administration on the ground that its policy tends to create a panic in Wall street and to disturb business. All I have to say upon that subject is this: That certainly no one responsible for a government like ours would foolishly run amuck in business and destroy values and confidence just for the pleasure of doing so. No one has a motive as strong as the administration in power to cultivate and strengthen business prosperity. But it does rest with the national government to enforce the law, and if the enforcement of the law is not consistent with the present methods of carrying on business, then it does not speak well for the present methods of conducting business, and they must be changed to conform to the law. There was no promise on the part of the republican party to change the anti-trust law, except to strengthen it, or to authorize monopoly and a suppression of competition and the control of prices, and those who looked forward to such a change cannot now visit the responsibility for their mistake on innocent persons. Of course, the government at Washington can be counted on to enforce the law in the way best calculated to prevent a destruction of public confidence in business, but that it must enforce the law goes without saying."

The Market.
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SENATE.

The Senate insurgents were given a little tip, and some campaign thunder made, when Senator Hale today requested that the speech delivered by President Taft in New York Saturday evening be printed in the Record and also a public document. He made no comment beyond saying he had the speech, it had been delivered at a Lincoln Day banquet and he desired to have it printed.

Senators Bristow, Beveridge and Crawford were the only insurgents present, and they made no objection to Senator Hale's request.

Senator Carter (rep. Mont.), from the committee on irrigation, favorably reported the bill providing for the issue of \$30,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, the proceeds to be used in aiding various reclamation projects now under construction.

The Senate passed a bill granting bronze medals to survivors and heirs of volunteers of the Post Hudson, Louisiana, for the hope against panic.

The Senate passed a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to allot all the remaining unsold lands within the Malak Indian reservation, and to provide for the conservation and sale of timber on such reservations.

A speech by Representative Hardy, (dem., Tex.), made at Cameron, Texas, to which Senator Bailey was invited, and which was later printed in the Congressional Record, was withdrawn from the Record today by Mr. Hardy.

The speech had been objected to by Mr. Beveridge as transgressing the rules of the House and the matter had been put into the hands of the judiciary committee.

"I do not believe a simple sentence of that speech is a violation of the rules," declared Hardy, "but withdraw the speech to save discussion."

The House today considered the river and harbor bill. General debate was limited to two hours.

The provision requires to furnish congressmen with the names of rural free delivery and star route patrons and the members are considerably stirred up over the denial. They want the names to send their constituents copies of their political speeches and packets of garden seeds. In order to bring the calendar up to date the department to time, Mr. Stephens, (dem., Tex.) today introduced a bill requiring the production of the names every time a member asks for them.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Southwick to repeal the publicly clause of the corporation tax law.

Virginia News.

W. F. Hill, a resident of Ashland, seventy-two years of age, dropped dead of heart disease in Richmond Saturday, as he was walking along the street.

Charles H. Almond, 69 years old, for many years a prominent merchant of Lynchburg and for five years president of the O. H. Almond's Dry Goods Company, died at midnight Saturday night after an illness of three weeks.

Dr. Philip W. Byrd, Jr., died last Saturday afternoon in Winchester following a long illness of Bright's disease. He was the son of the late Rev. Andrew Byrd, a prominent Winchester lawyer, dropped dead on the night of January 19 while making a speech at the Lee birthday banquet in Winchester.

Lewis Clark, of Leesville, aged 16 years, was drowned on Sunday in Cow river, by the upsetting of his boat. Young Clark, in company with Levera G. Roer, also of Leesville, was out on a shooting when the accident occurred. Garner succeeded in catching the mast of the boat, and floated ashore in a half-frozen condition. The body of young Clark was recovered a short while after drowning.

The fact that there was a telephone in the house in Berryville saved the lives of Capt. J. T. Griffin and his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Hammond, on Saturday. Father and daughter were resting in a room having a coal fire, and before they were aware of their danger were nearly asphyxiated by coal gas. Capt. Griffin managed to crawl to the telephone and to call a physician. Both were unconscious when the doctor arrived, and were restored with difficulty.

The clothing of Miss Jane Adams, whose body was found in the water at Atlantic City yesterday was badly torn, and the police theory is that she was killed while trying to reach an apartment. The whereabouts of the Seylers, who were last seen with her, are still unknown to the police.

It is now reported that Dr. Cook, the explorer, and his wife are in Chili.